

DIVISION F—LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND
EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
2005

In implementing this agreement, the Departments and agencies should be guided by the language and instructions set forth in House Report 108-636 accompanying the bill H.R. 5006 and Senate Report 108-345 accompanying the bill, S. 2810.

In the cases where the language and instructions in either report specifically address the allocation of funds, each has been reviewed by the conferees and those that are jointly concurred in have been endorsed in this joint statement.

In the cases in which the House or the Senate have directed the submission of a report, such report is to be submitted to both the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

The conferees note that section 518 sets forth the reprogramming requirements and limitations for the Departments and agencies funded through this Division, including the requirement to make a written request to the chairmen of the Committees 15 days prior to reprogramming, or to the announcement of intent to reprogram, funds in excess of 10 percent, or \$500,000, whichever is less, between programs, projects and activities.

Finally, the conferees request that statements on the effect of this appropriation Act on the Departments and agencies funded in this Division be submitted to the Committees within 45 days of enactment of this Act. The conferees expect that these statements will provide sufficient detail to show the allocation of funds among programs, projects and activities, particularly in accounts where the final appropriation is different than that of the budget request. Furthermore, the conferees request the statements to also include the effect of the appropriation on any new activities or major initiatives discussed in the budget justifications accompanying the fiscal year 2005 budget.

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2005, put in place by this bill, incorporates the following agreements of the managers:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

The conference agreement includes \$5,361,957,000 for training and employment services, instead of \$5,112,728,000 as proposed by the House and \$5,377,662,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount appropriated, \$2,463,000,000 is an advance appropriation for fiscal year 2006, as proposed by the House and the Senate.

The Secretary of Labor shall take no action to amend, through regulatory or administration action, the definition established in 20 CFR 667.220 for functions and activities under title I of the Workforce Investment Act until such time as legislation reauthorizing the Act is enacted.

For Adult Employment and Training Activities, the conferees provide \$898,107,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$900,000,000 as proposed by the House.

For Youth Training, the conferees provide \$994,242,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$1,000,965,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement includes \$1,479,419,000 for the Dislocated Worker program, as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The conferees override the formula that provides that 80 percent of the funds provided will be used for State formula grants and 20 percent in a National Reserve Account. For fiscal year 2005 the conferees provide \$1,196,048,000 for the State formula grants and \$283,371,000 for the National Reserve Account.

The conference agreement includes bill language giving the Secretary of Labor authority to use dislocated worker national reserve funds to provide assistance to a State for statewide or local use in order to address cases where there have been worker dislocations across multiple sectors or across multiple local areas. The conferees urge the Secretary, when determining competitive awards under this authority, to give favorable consideration to the applications of assistance to States that have sustained worker dislocation in such a manner and can demonstrate the capacity to respond effectively in a coordinated fashion across multiple sectors or local areas.

The conferees concur with language in the Senate report regarding the length of time it takes for the Department to approve applications for National Emergency Grants. The conferees request that the Government Accountability Office examine the administration of this program, and make recommendations for improvement.

The conference agreement includes \$54,675,000 for Native Americans as proposed by the House instead of \$55,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$1,559,804,000 for Job Corps. Within the total, \$1,443,483,000 is provided for continuing operations of the program and \$116,321,000 is for renovation and construction of Job Corps centers. The conference recommendation includes an increase of \$10,000,000 over the budget request to begin the process of establishing additional Job Corps centers, fol-

lowing up on directions contained in the conference report accompanying Public Law 108-199.

The conference recommendation includes funding to support a demonstration partnership with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) at multiple Job Corps sites so that the Job Corps can help to fill unmet needs by providing TSA access to an expanded pool of job applicants. This funding will pay costs of both parties. The Department of Labor and the Department of Homeland Security are encouraged to develop a cooperative agreement that would help to leverage Federal resources, to provide TSA with an expanded pool of potential job applications and to utilize Job Corps facilities as appropriate to support the needs of TSA, including those of qualified private screening companies under contract to TSA.

The conferees note that Section 171 of the Workforce Investment Act requires the Secretary, every two years, to publish a plan that describes the demonstration and pilot project priorities of the Labor Department, and expects the next such plan to be completed and published by March 31, 2005.

The conferees further direct that the Department submit an operating plan that outlines the planned allocation by major project and activity (excluding Congressionally-directed projects) of fiscal year 2005 funds for pilots, demonstrations, and research. This plan should be provided to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees no later than May 31, 2005.

The conferees recognized the effectiveness of the Family Enrichment Center in Chicago, Illinois and encourages the Department of Labor to continue its partnership with Haymarket Center in order to enhance efforts to train individuals with severe employment barriers.

With respect to the projects listed below for pilots and demonstrations, the conferees encourage the Department to ensure that these projects are coordinated with local Workforce Investment Boards. The conferees also encourage the Department to ensure that project performance is adequately documented and evaluated. The conference agreement includes the following amounts for the following projects and activities:

413 Hope Mission Ministries, Philadelphia, PA for employment skills training for disadvantaged adults and ex-offenders	\$100,000
Abilities Fund in Centerville, IA for a revolving loan fund for entrepreneurs with disabilities	1,000,000
Advanced Ceramics Research, Inc., for academic outreach and workforce development	1,000,000
Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Juneau, AK to fund training for gas pipeline workers	500,000
American Community Partnerships, Washington, DC, for the Working Together for Jobs-Philadelphia in conjunction with the Philadelphia Housing Authority to provide pre-apprenticeship training	200,000
American Illinois, Inc., Chicago, IL, for its Amer-I-Can program for at-risk youth and ex-offenders	50,000
Amigo de los Rios, Los Angeles, CA, for an environmental career training program for at-risk youth	100,000
Asnuntuck Community College, Enfield, CT, for improvements to Asnuntuck Community College's Manufacturing Technology Center	200,000
Automation Alley, Troy, MI for training	450,000

Aztec Fire Crew, Los Angeles, CA, for a project to train fire-fighters and emergency medical technicians	400,000
Baltimore City, MD, for the ex-offender initiative at the Mayor's Office of Employment Development	450,000
BASE, Inc., Lancaster, PA to continue assisting minorities and women in creating, retaining, and expanding microenterprises	100,000
Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Harrisburg, PA to establish a Commonwealth-wide virtual network to enable companies geographically dispersed across the state to share information, training tools, and other educational resources	100,000
BioPartners, Inc, Nassau County, NY, for life sciences and biotech workforce training at iPark, a biotech and life sciences center	255,000
Bismarck State College, Bismarck, ND, for a National Energy Technology Training and Education Project	500,000
Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity, Philadelphia, PA to train participants in integrative technology skills in the Philadelphia area in an effort to improve job skills required for the changing job market	4,000,000
Blackhawk Technical College in Janesville, WI for workforce training programs	300,000
Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, NY to expand an education and job information center	500,000
Burlington Technical Center in Burlington, VT to upgrade post-graduate aviation technician training program	200,000
California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA to establish a Center for Biomedical Workforce	100,000
CAMP, Inc., Cleveland, OH, for the development of world-class training services in lean manufacturing process improvement	500,000
Capital IDEA, Austin, TX, for a workforce development and training initiative, including supportive services	320,000
Capital Workforce Partners, Hartford, CT, for the development of the Comprehensive Entrepreneurial Training Systems in New Britain, CT	100,000
Career Academy, Louisville, KY, for a workforce development program	289,000
Career Resources, Bridgeport, CT, for workforce development	100,000
Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, for job training programs	100,000
Center for Employment Training, San Jose, CA, for an At-Risk Out-of-School Youth Demonstration Project	200,000
Center for Entrepreneurship for the New West, Bozeman, MT to train entrepreneurial students for economic development	125,000
Central California Excellence in Workforce Development for an outreach campaign for career opportunities	100,000
Central Iowa Employment & Training Consortium for a resource center for disabled and disadvantaged individuals	600,000
Central State University, Wilberforce, OH, to implement a world class modular automation training system	200,000
Centralia College, WA, for non-traditional worker training	250,000
Charity Cultural Services Center, San Francisco, CA, for its Skills for Life initiative	400,000
Chattanooga State Technical Community College, Chattanooga, TN	400,000
Cincinnati State Community College, Cincinnati, OH, for an Integrated Systems Technology training program	250,000
City of Auburn, Auburn, NY	300,000
City of Holly Springs Regional Technology Center	100,000
City of Portland, Portland, OR, for its workforce assessment, training and retraining initiative	300,000
City of Santa Ana, Santa Ana, CA, for a one-stop workforce preparation and job search center for youth	200,000
Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR, for its energy and resource management workforce training initiative	150,000
Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, Philadelphia, PA, for workforce development and training	300,000
Communities in Schools, San Fernando Valley, Inc., North Hills, CA, for its Striving for Success Jobs Initiative to provide job preparedness and placement for at-risk youth	535,000

Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA, for a Mobile Educational Lab to provide training in critical subject areas	50,000
Community Education Council of Elk and Cameron Counties, St. Marys, PA, for workforce training	75,000
Community Empowerment Association, Pittsburgh, PA, in collaboration with Boys and Girls Harbor, Inc., New York, NY to establish a job readiness and work force development program	100,000
Community Learning Center of Washington County, Salem, IN, for workforce development, training and employment services	150,000
Cook Inlet Tribal Council for the Alaska's People Program in Anchorage, AK	225,000
County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board, San Bernardino County, CA	250,000
Desert Research Institute, Reno, Nevada to create the Northern Nevada Technology Initiative to help drive the creation of a high technology workforce in Nevada	150,000
Dorcas Place, Providence, Rhode Island to expand workplace literacy program	150,000
Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland, Greensburg, PA for workforce skills assessment, development and training initiatives	150,000
Empowerment Group, Philadelphia, PA to provide Latino and minority employers with the technical assistance needed to create jobs and set up on-the-job training programs for low-income residents	100,000
Enrichment Association of Community Healing (TEACH), Columbus, OH for training	325,000
Enterprise Center, Philadelphia, PA to recruit and train minority and underprivileged entrepreneurs	100,000
Excel Institute, Washington, DC, for workforce training in automotive technology and repair	430,000
Expertise, Inc. in Las Vegas, NV, to provide employment training assistance to low income residents	250,000
Fashion Business, Inc., Los Angeles, CA, for workforce development and training	50,000
Fay-Penn Economic Development Council, Uniontown, PA to improve manufacturing competitiveness	100,000
Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL, to continue a program to assist small businesses in competing for government contracts	900,000
Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Fort Worth, TX, for an ESL Program	334,000
Fresno County Workforce Investment Board, Fresno, CA, for workforce development	400,000
Fresno County, Department of Employment and Temporary Assistance, Fresno, CA, for Rural Vocational Training Centers	225,000
Hawaii Community Foundation for the Samoan/Asian Pacific Job Training program	500,000
HIREABILITY, Philadelphia, PA to provide employment training to people with disabilities in the Philadelphia region	100,000
Hispanic / Latino Center Inc., Pittsburgh, PA to provide workplace readiness and job training to targeted Hispanic workers	50,000
Houston Area Urban League, Houston, TX, for its Communities to Work Program	300,000
Illinois State University, Normal, IL for training	500,000
Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, IL	400,000
Impact Services Corporation, Philadelphia, PA to support its Community Job Placement and Training Program	75,000
Indian Territory Associates, Shawnee, OK to establish an electronic knowledge repository for the employees of the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center	50,000
Institute for Advanced Learning and Research, Danville, VA, for the Fast-Track Information Technology Workforce Preparation Program	100,000
Institute for Human Investment and Economic Growth, Ashland, OH	100,000
Institute of Furniture Manufacturing and Management, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS	500,000

International Association of Jewish Vocational Services, Philadelphia, PA to provide career services and job training readiness skills to dislocated workers	150,000
Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs to create a certification process for Spanish-English interpreters and translators	243,000
Iowa Valley Community College District, Marshalltown, IA, for equipment and computer and skill training	150,000
Ivy Tech State College, Fort Wayne, IN, for workforce training and development	50,000
Jackson Health System, Miami, FL, for Miami Dade County's Center for Patient Safety	125,000
Jewish Family and Children's Service of Pittsburgh, PA to provide intensive and individualized employment assistance to immigrants that will address the unique barriers that immigrants face	100,000
Jewish Healthcare Foundation, Pittsburgh, PA for the Health Careers Futures program to train individuals for careers in patient care	100,000
Jewish Vocational Service, Los Angeles, CA, for a certified nursing assistant training and job placement initiative	200,000
Jewish Vocational Services, Inc., Boston, MA, for job training and workforce development	400,000
Kennebec Valley Community College Foundation, Fairfield, ME, to support training of skilled workers in the field of Radiology	250,000
Ken's Kids, Inc, Bronx, NY, for vocational training and placement for youth with mental retardation	50,000
Lake County, IL, for a summer youth employment program	200,000
Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyoming for implementation of a high tech manufacturing training curriculum	100,000
Lawson State Community College, Birmingham, AL, for its Alabama Center for Advanced Training Program	140,000
Louisiana National Guard, New Orleans, LA	100,000
MAGLEV, Inc., McKeesport, PA to create an associate degree training program to train individuals in Advanced Manufacturing Technology for precision fabrication	1,000,000
Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Maine MEP), Rapid Mobilization of the New England Manufacturing Sources to Meet Defense Shortages and Surge Demands for Parts and Equipment	250,000
Marshall County Economic Division, Guntersville, AL, for the Marshall County Workforce Target Project	20,000
Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Boston, MA, in collaboration with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Centers for a workforce development initiative	250,000
Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Worcester, MA, for manufacturing workforce development programs	125,000
Massey Center for Business Innovation and Development, Pittsburgh, PA to provide entrepreneurial skills to Veterans	100,000
Maui Community College, Hawaii, for the Remote Rural Hawaii Job Program	1,500,000
Maui Economic Development Board in Hawaii for the Rural Computer Utilization Training Program	300,000
Maui Economic Development Board in Hawaii to continue the Maui High Technical program	300,000
Maura Clarke-Ita Ford Center, in partnership with New York City College of Technology/CUNY, Brooklyn, NY, for workforce development, job training and education programs	250,000
Mayville State University, Mayville, ND, for the Traill County Technology Center	100,000
McKean County Redevelopment Authority, Smethport, PA to create an Education Center in Port Allegheny to further adult education in rural Pennsylvania	100,000
MECA United Cerebral Palsy, Erie, PA to develop a job-training program for adults with disabilities	50,000
Medina County Office of Workforce Development, Medina, OH, for training of individuals in careers associated with Homeland Security	150,000

Melwood Horticultural Training Center, Inc., Upper Marlboro, MD, for the establishment of a document management training and placement program	200,000
Mercy Vocational High School, Philadelphia, PA to expand its Certified Nursing Assistant training program for low-income individuals in North Philadelphia	150,000
Metropolitan Career Center, Philadelphia, PA to offer workforce training to low-income, under educated individuals who lack the ability to gain employment without special assistance	100,000
Milwaukee Area Technical College in Milwaukee, WI for developing skills standards	450,000
Mineral Area College, Park Hills, MO	500,000
Minot State University, Minot, ND, for the Job Corps Executive Management Program	650,000
Mission of Love, Inc., Capitol Heights, MD, for a life skills, workforce preparation, and training initiative	150,000
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, Robotics and Automated Systems for Nursery Industry	500,000
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, Workforce Development Training Quality Assessment (CAVS)	400,000
Mississippi Valley State University, Automatic Identification Technology	400,000
Montachusett Opportunity Council, Fitchburg, MA, for a career ladder program for certified nursing assistants	200,000
MS Tech Alliance/JSU Business Incubator	500,000
Multicultural Community Family Services, Upper Darby, PA to address the job training needs of area African immigrants and refugees	50,000
National Council of La Raza in Washington, DC, to provide technical assistance on Hispanic workforce issues including capacity building, language barriers, and health care job training	500,000
National Student Partnerships, Washington, DC, for field and national office operations to expand employment and education referral and counseling services	600,000
New York Association for New Americans, New York, NY	100,000
NewCourtland Elder Services, Philadelphia, PA to provide a networking service designed to train existing employees and market nursing home jobs to local residents	150,000
North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Raleigh, NC, for Project New Start, to provide employment and training services for dislocated workers	400,000
Northeast Higher Education District, Chisholm, Minnesota, for the TechNorth Prep Center Network	350,000
Northeast States Association for Agricultural Stewardship, Dresden, ME to develop and host a conference on the challenges and opportunities for rural workforce development	75,000
Northwest Arctic Borough School District, Kotzebue, AK, for vocational training	250,000
Northwest Concentrated Employment Program, WI, for the Talent Profiling System	700,000
Northwest Industrial Resource Center, Inc., Erie, PA, for worker training, retraining and technology implementation programs as part of an advanced workforce development initiative	150,000
Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Philadelphia, PA to provide skills training in the allied healthcare profession to minorities	250,000
Our House, Inc., Decatur, GA, for the "Parent Intern" program	150,000
Patrick County Education Foundation, Stuart, VA, for a workforce development project for rural communities	100,000
Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center, Williamsport, PA to help schools develop multi-year, multi-institution curricula that focus on skills for a manufacturing career	100,000
Pennsylvania Learning Network, Harrisburg, PA to provide workforce development and professional training	100,000
Philadelphia Veterans Multi Service Center, Philadelphia, PA for a multipurpose center for job training of veterans	550,000

Phoenix House, Providence, RI, for a Workforce Development Project	100,000
Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce in Kyle, South Dakota for a Workforce Success Program	200,000
Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber Enterprise Foundation, Moon Township, PA for a business incubator and workforce development program	75,000
Polk Community College, Lakeland, FL, for the Corporate College Program	200,000
Precision Manufacturing Institute, Meadville, PA	100,000
Prince Music Theater, Philadelphia, PA, to develop the Prince Music Theater Training Institute to provide professional training in the arts	75,000
Project ARRIBA, El Paso, TX, for a workforce training initiative	340,000
Project One, Louisville, KY, for employment program technology, salaries and material	25,000
Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, North St. Paul, MN to create software for three east metro hospitals/healthcare systems to assist non-English proficient new Americans advance from entry-level positions to higher-level skilled healthcare careers	100,000
Regional Economic Development District Initiatives (REDDI) of South-Central PA, Harrisburg, PA to assist companies in developing targeted clusters, identifying employers' skill set requirements, and facilitating training opportunities through workforce development partners	100,000
Rend Lake College, Ina, IL, for workforce training	150,000
Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc., Durant, OK to provide entrepreneurial training	50,000
Saint Louis Community College—Florissant Valley, Saint Louis, MO, for its Integrated Systems Technology technical training initiative at the Metropolitan Education and Training Center	320,000
Schoolcraft College, Livonia, MI, for Advanced Manufacturing Applications	100,000
Second Chance Employment Services, Washington, D.C. to develop a nationwide program that helps abused and other at-risk women find employment	100,000
Second Chance, San Diego, CA, for its Prisoner Re-entry Employment Program	220,000
Shelton State Community College, Tuscaloosa, AL, for workforce development, job training and job placement initiatives	410,000
Sophie Sampson Center of Hope, Society of St. Vincent de Paul South Pinellas, Inc., St. Petersburg, FL	250,000
South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Hawthorne, CA, for its Bridges to Work program	290,000
South Seattle Community College, WA, to expand apprenticeship training	100,000
Southeast Tennessee Development District, Chattanooga, TN	300,000
Southland Health Care Forum, South Holland, IL, for its Southland Health Careers nurse training initiative	100,000
Southwest Alaska Vocational Education Center (SAVEC), King Salmon, AK, for vocational training	500,000
Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, OK, for Oklahoma Business Commercialization Center	320,000
Stark State College of Technology, Canton, OH	433,000
Stark State College of Technology, Canton, OH for equipment	200,000
State of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, for a project for building the capacity of professional healthcare services	2,000,000
State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY	100,000
Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL, for a One-Stop Community Resource Learning Center to provide job readiness, training, placement and supportive services	140,000
Team Taylor County, Campbellsville, KY, for Campbellsville University Technology Training Center	250,000
The Joblinks program for continuation costs	500,000
Tides Center of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA, for the Keys2Work program	25,000

TIGER House, Tunkhannock Area School District, Tunkhannock, PA, for vocational training for special needs students	50,000
Twenty-First Century Council—IMPACT Learning Center, Scottsboro, AL, for workforce development and training	75,000
United Mine Workers of America Career Center, Washington, PA for a technical training and occupational health safety program for mining occupations	800,000
United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, VA, for the UMW Career Centers	1,200,000
University of Alaska/Southeast—Ketchikan Campus, Ketchikan, AK to provide skills assessment, training and a certification program for Ketchikan shipyard workers	150,000
University of Hawaii at Maui for the Training & Education Opportunities program	1,800,000
University of Idaho, to continue and expand the Alternative Careers for Idaho Project, to assist persons dislocated from traditional, resource-based Idaho careers	900,000
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA to provide immigration services to Iowa Communities	200,000
University of Wisconsin—Stout, Menomonie, WI, for manufacturing workforce development initiatives	150,000
Upper Catskill Television Network, Inc., Oneonta, NY	100,000
Valencia County Hispano Chamber of Commerce, Belen, NM, for workforce training	250,000
Valley Initiative for Development and Advancement, Weslaco, TX, for a workforce training initiative	320,000
Vermont Department of Employment and Training for a statewide career development system	450,000
Vermont HITEC, Inc of Williston, VT for the Vermont Information Technology Apprenticeship Program	325,000
Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA, for the Jobs for Veteran's Project	750,000
Wallace Community College, Dothan, AL, for the Southeast Alabama Workforce Readiness program	150,000
Waubesa Community College, Sugar Grove, IL to train integrated systems technologists	300,000
West Shore Community College, Scottsville, MI, for workforce investment and training for unemployed individuals	400,000
West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation, Fairmont, WV, for an information technology training program	500,000
Westside Industrial Retention and Expansion Network, Cleveland, OH, for a workforce training project	370,000
WHYY, Inc., Philadelphia, PA, to expand and digitize its GED Connection program to prepare individuals for the workforce	50,000
Women Work, Washington, D.C. for workforce training and development for women in the information technology sector	50,000
Women's Resource Assistance Program Inc., Harvey, IL, for its Career STEPS Self Sufficiency Program to prepare women for non-traditional careers	100,000
Work, Achievement, Values & Education, Inc. (WAVE), Washington, D.C. to provide job skills training to high school drop outs	75,000
Workforce Connections in La Crosse, WI for incumbent worker training	200,000
Workforce Development Council of King County, WA, to provide literacy assistance and job training for immigrants	100,000
Workforce Initiative Association, Canton, OH, for a Workforce Advancement Demonstration project	400,000
Workforce Investment Board of Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties, Utica, NY	175,000
Workforce Resource, Inc in Menomonie, WI for incumbent health care worker training	150,000
WorkNet Pinellas, Clearwater, FL	200,000
Wrightco Technologies, Ebensburg, PA to provide security systems installation and high-tech communications training to clients across PA	100,000
Wrightco Technologies, Inc., Claysburg, PA to support job-training program with UMW	100,000

The conference agreement includes \$50,000,000 for Responsible Reintegration of Youthful Offenders as proposed by the Senate. The House did not recommend funds for this activity. The conference agreement also provides \$20,000,000 for the prisoner re-entry initiative, instead of \$40,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not recommend funds for this activity. Within the amount provided for prisoner re-entry, the conferees encourage the Department to partner with organizations with a proven history of reducing recidivism by helping individuals exiting prison make the successful transition to employment.

The conference agreement includes \$250,000,000 requested by the administration to carry out the Community College/Community-Based Job Training Grant initiative. Of this amount, bill language provides that \$125,000,000 is to be allocated from National Emergency Grant funds available under section 132(a)(2)(A) of the Workforce Investment Act, overriding the limitation otherwise imposed under section 171(d). The Secretary is expected to initially use resources from the National Emergency Grants account for these awards that are designated for non-emergencies under sections 171(d) and 170(b) of the Workforce Investment Act. Community-Based Job Training Grant awards will also be subject to the limitations of sections 171(c)(4)(A) through 171(c)(4)(C) of the Workforce Investment Act to ensure that these grants are awarded competitively. Funds used for this initiative should strengthen partnerships between workforce investment boards, community colleges, and employers, to train workers for high growth, high demand industries in the new economy.

The conferees provide \$7,000,000 for the Denali Commission for job training instead of \$8,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House recommendation did not include funds for this activity.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OPERATIONS

The conference agreement appropriates \$3,666,235,000 for State Unemployment Insurance and Employment Service Operations, instead of \$3,582,848,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,636,235,000 as proposed by the Senate. For unemployment insurance services, the bill provides \$2,695,214,000 instead of \$2,701,214,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,665,214,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$2,684,714,000 for UI State Operations instead of \$2,690,714,000 as proposed by the House and \$2,654,714,000 as proposed by the Senate. The agreement includes a contingency reserve amount should the unemployment workload exceed an average weekly insured claims volume of 3,227,000 instead of 3,327,000 as proposed by the House.

For the Employment Service grants to states, the agreement includes \$786,887,000 as proposed by the Senate instead of \$696,000,000 as proposed by the House. This includes \$23,300,000 in general funds as proposed by the House instead of \$23,163,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$763,587,000 from the "Employment Security Administration" account of the unemployment trust fund instead of \$672,700,000 as proposed by the House and \$763,724,000 as proposed by the Senate.

For Employment Service national activities the agreement includes \$65,500,000 as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$67,000,000 as proposed by the House.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement appropriates \$171,473,000 for Program Administration, instead of \$168,854,000 as proposed by the House and \$177,615,000 as proposed by the Senate. The detailed table at the end of this joint statement reflects the activity distribution agreed to by the conferees.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$404,345,000 for the Employment Standards Administration, salaries and expenses, instead of \$402,818,000 as proposed by the House and \$405,870,000 as proposed by the Senate. The detailed table at the end of this joint statement reflects the activity distribution agreed to by the conferees.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$468,109,000 for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration instead of \$461,599,000 as proposed by the House and \$468,645,000 as proposed by the Senate. The detailed table at the end of this joint statement reflects the activity distribution agreed to by the conferees.

The conferees concur with the House bill and report language regarding OSHA's enforcement of the Respiratory Standard as it applies to tuberculosis. The conferees advise OSHA to take no further action with regard to respiratory protection for occupational exposure to TB until such time as the CDC has completed the ongoing revisions of its TB guidelines.

The conferees concur with the Senate bill and report language that not less than \$3,200,000 is to be used to extend funding for the Institutional Competency Building training grants provided that a grantee has demonstrated satisfactory performance.

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$281,535,000 for the Mine Safety and Health Administration instead of \$275,567,000 as proposed by the House and \$280,002,000 as proposed by the Senate. The detailed table at the end of this joint statement reflects the activity distribution agreed to by the conferees.

Within the total, the conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 to be available for mine rescue and recovery activities on a non-contingency basis as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees expect the Mine Safety and Health Administration to keep it fully and currently informed of A-76 competitions, and that any competitions will be conducted fairly and equitably.

and will result in significant savings and the improvement in the quality of services to taxpayers. The conferees urge all possible diligence to ensure that inherently governmental functions are not subject to A-76 competitions. The conference agreement includes the following amounts for the following projects and activities:

Infrastructure improvements at the Mine Academy in Beckley, West Virginia	\$750,000
Wheeling Jesuit University for the National Technology Transfer Center for a coal slurry impoundment pilot project	3,000,000

BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Within the total for the Employment and Unemployment Statistics activity, \$5,000,000 is for the Mass Layoff Statistics program as proposed in the Senate bill.

OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT POLICY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conferees commend ODEP for their efforts to enhance telework opportunities for severely disabled individuals. To build on ODEP's efforts to increase telework opportunities in the federal government, the conferees direct that \$1,000,000 be transferred from ODEP to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to build on a previous pilot between ODEP and CMS.

The conferees are pleased that CMS has piloted the performance of CMS call center work by individuals with severe disabilities working from home-based workstations. This model has the potential to be expanded within CMS and replicated outside of CMS by government agencies and others interested in following CMS's lead.

The conference agreement provides such transfer to expand and refine the existing CMS model in conjunction with National Telecommuting Institute, Inc., as well as disseminate information about this telework model to other agencies.

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$323,422,000 for Departmental Management, salaries and expenses, instead of \$264,967,000 as proposed by the House bill and \$357,050,000 as proposed by the Senate. The detailed table at the end of this joint statement reflects the activity distribution agreed to by the conferees.

The conference agreement includes \$94,000,000 for the Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB). Within the total provided, \$79,000,000 is to assist developing countries with the elimination of child labor. Of this amount, \$45,000,000 is for the International Labor Organization's International Programme for the Elimination of Child Labor and \$34,000,000 is provided for bilateral assistance to improve access to basic education in international areas with a high rate of abusive and exploitative child labor. In addition, the conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 for ILAB to build its own

permanent capacity to monitor and report regularly and in-depth to the Congress on the extent to which foreign countries with trade and investment agreements with the United States respect internationally-recognized worker rights and effectively promote core labor standards. The conference agreement also includes \$11,000,000 for Federal administration and other ILAB programs.

The conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 for the purpose of assisting the International Labor Organization in implementing a program to confront HIV/AIDS in the workplace. The primary purpose of this program shall be to promote workplace policies which combat HIV-related stigma and discrimination, and promote prevention on the basis of tripartite partnerships among workers, employers and governments around the world.

The conferees are disturbed that the Department of Labor transferred fiscal year 2004 funds to augment activities for which funds were previously denied and to initiate new activities for which both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees denied funding. The Appropriations Committees have provided authority to reprogram and transfer funds in order to provide flexibility to the Department to address unforeseen needs and emergencies. However, the Department, instead, has used these flexibilities to circumvent funding decisions made by the Congress. Therefore, the conferees have included bill language to clarify reprogramming and transfer procedures.

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

The conference agreement includes \$224,648,000 for Veterans Employment and Training instead of \$225,648,000 as proposed by the House and \$226,781,000 as proposed by the Senate. The detailed table at the end of this joint statement reflects the activity distribution agreed to by the conferees.

The conference agreement includes \$13,198,000 for activities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. The conferees intend that the additional resources over FY 2004 be used for additional investigations and educational outreach to employers about reemployment rights of uniformed service members departing from and returning to work.

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 for the Working Capital Fund the same as proposed by the House instead of \$15,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ONE PERCENT TRANSFER AUTHORITY

The conference agreement modifies a provision proposed by the Senate limiting the authority to transfer funds between a program, project or activity and requiring a 15 day notification of any transfer.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 13126

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate that none of the funds appropriated in this Act shall be obligated or expended for the procurement of goods produced by forced or indentured child labor. The House bill contained no similar provision.

DENALI COMMISSION

The conference agreement includes a provision proposed by the Senate that authorizes to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to the Denali Commission to conduct job training where Denali Commission projects will be constructed. The House bill contained no similar provision.

TRANSIT SUBSIDY

The conference agreement includes a provision directing the Secretary to provide, within 45 days, to the Department of Labor employees in the National Capital Region the full transit subsidy that they are eligible to receive.

CONGRESSIONAL JUSTIFICATIONS

The conference agreement includes bill language requiring the Department of Labor to submit its fiscal year 2006 congressional budget justifications in the traditional budget structure rather than in a "performance" budget structure. The Department is directed to return to preparing the traditional congressional justifications as they were prepared prior to fiscal year 2003, with separate sections for each appropriations account, providing detailed information on the prior year, current year, and requested budget year funding and Federal staffing levels for each program, project, or activity funded within each account; a detailed narrative description of each program, project, or activity; and budget and measurement information should be submitted as a separate appendix in the budget justification material.

The conferees support the Department's effort to integrate program performance more prominently into its budget formulation and to display that information more thoroughly in the justification, but the conferees direct that technical account and program information be prominent in each agency's budget justifications similar to the Department's budget justifications prior to fiscal year 2003 so that information can be found easily and quickly. The Department is directed to delineate materials by appropriation account, providing detailed information on the prior year, current year, and requested budget year funding and Federal staffing levels for each program, project, or activity funded within each account; a narrative description of each program, project, or activity; and any proposed changes to such program, project, or activity. The Department is encouraged to continue using outcome and performance measures as the primary management tool for resource allocation and the evaluation of programs and individuals.

OVERTIME REGULATION

The conference agreement deletes without prejudice language proposed by the House and Senate stating that none of the funds provided may be used to implement or administer any changes to regulations regarding overtime compensation in effect on July 14, 2004.